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THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST--15 NOVEMBER 1963

1. INDONESIA-MALAYSIA:

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B. [REDACTED] ACTIVITY ALONG THE BORDER IS SPREADING,

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C. [REDACTED] INDONESIAN PLANES BUZZED VILLAGES INSIDE SARA-
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D. THE BORDER, HOWEVER, IS POORLY DEFINED. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] THE CHANCES FOR A SERIOUS AIR INCIDENT
ARE INCREASING. [REDACTED]

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2. USSR-BERLIN:

A. THE SOVIET AMBASSADOR IN BONN HAS COMMENTED THAT
THE RECENT AUTOBAHN INCIDENTS WERE APPROVED BY MOSCOW AND
WERE INTENDED TO DEMONSTRATE THE NECESSITY FOR NEGOTIATIONS
ON ACCESS ROUTES.

B. [REDACTED] THE AMBASSADOR
PREDICTS MORE INCIDENTS "IN ORDER TO REMIND THE WESTERN POWERS
THAT THE QUESTION OF THE RECOGNITION OF EAST GERMANY HAS TO

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BE RESOLVED IN SOME FORM."

C. UNTIL THE CLIMAX OF THESE INCIDENTS AT SOME UNSPECIFIED LATER DATE, MOSCOW WILL TRY TO FIND WEAK SPOTS IN THE WESTERN NEGOTIATING POSITION, THE AMBASSADOR SAID.

D. EAST GERMAN PROPAGANDA MEANWHILE CONTINUES TO CLAIM THE WEST HAS NO LEGAL RIGHT TO USE THE AUTOBAHN. THE EAST GERMAN FIRST DEPUTY PREMIER ALSO SAID YESTERDAY THAT THE GDR HAD ONLY "TEMPORARILY TRANSFERRED" CONTROL OF ALLIED TRAFFIC TO THE USSR.

E. A FLAP YESTERDAY OVER THE FIRING OF FLARES NEAR WESTERN AIRCRAFT IN THE CORRIDORS HAS FIZZLED OUT. US AUTHORITIES IN GERMANY NOW DISCOUNT THE POSSIBILITY OF DELIBERATE HARASSMENT.

3. BURMA:

A. COUP TALK IN RANGOON IS BECOMING MORE SPECIFIC AS DISSATISFACTION WITH THE NE WIN REGIME CONTINUES TO MOUNT.

B. [REDACTED] THE FIRST STEP WILL BE TAKEN BEFORE 18 NOVEMBER. THIS WILL INVOLVE A "CATALYTIC INCIDENT" INTENDED TO COALESCE ELEMENTS HOSTILE TO THE REGIME, POSSIBLY USING BUDDHIST CLERGY OR STUDENT GROUPS.

C. OPPOSITION LEADERS HOPE THIS INCIDENT CAN BE ARRANGED BEFORE THE GOVERNMENT CONCLUDES AN AGREEMENT WITH A COALITION OF COMMUNIST INSURGENT GROUPS.

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D. NE WIN, HOWEVER, APPARENTLY STILL HAS THE LOYALTY OF THE MILITARY. WHILE HE DOES, AN ATTEMPT TO OUST HIM WILL REQUIRE A LENGTHY BUILD-UP OF POPULAR DISSATISFACTION.

4. SOUTH VIETNAM:

A. VIET CONG GUERRILLAS HAVE CONTINUED WIDESPREAD AGGRESSIVE ACTIVITY AT RECORD HIGH LEVELS THROUGH THE SECOND CONSECUTIVE WEEK SINCE THE COUP.

B. SOME 1,021 INCIDENTS, INCLUDING MORE THAN 200 SMALL SCALE ATTACKS--MORE THAN TWICE THE NORMAL WEEKLY FIGURES--WERE RECORDED DURING THE WEEK ENDING 13 NOVEMBER.

C. DUONG VAN MINH SAID YESTERDAY THAT ELECTIONS "MIGHT BE HELD" IN SIX TO TWELVE MONTHS, ACCORDING TO THE GOVERNMENT'S PRESS AGENCY.

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5. IRAQ:

A. THE TURNABOUT IN BAGHDAD HAS CONFUSED JUST ABOUT EVERYONE.

B. THE EXTREMIST ELEMENTS SUPPORTING EXILE ALI SALIH SAADI--LED BY THE NATIONAL GUARD--REFUSED TO ACCEPT HIS OUSTER EVEN AFTER THEIR COUP FAILED AND BROUGHT ABOUT AN IMPASSE.

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PREMIER BAKR AND DEFENSE MINISTER AMMASH, WHO APPARENTLY REMAINED NEUTRAL, CALLED THE BAATH'S INTERNATIONAL LEADERSHIP TO BAGHDAD TO TAKE CHARGE.

C. THE LEADERSHIP APPARENTLY DECIDED THAT OUSTING THE MODERATES--FOREIGN MINISTER SHABIB, INTERIOR MINISTER JAWAD, ET AL--WAS THE ONLY WAY TO RESTORE PARTY DISCIPLINE.

D. SAADI, WHO DID GO TO MADRID RATHER THAN [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] TO DAMASCUS, HAS ASSERTED HE HAS WON AND WILL RETURN TODAY. WE ARE NOT AT ALL SURE THIS WILL BE THE FINAL SOLUTION.

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E. THE INTENTIONS OF AMMASH, WHO HAS BEEN CAUTIOUS THROUGHOUT AND WHO HAS GOOD CONNECTIONS WITH PARTY CELLS IN THE MILITARY, REMAIN UNCLEAR. THERE IS A CHANCE THAT HE MIGHT SEIZE THE OPPORTUNITY TO LEAD AN ARMY MOVE TO COUNTER THE EXTREMISTS AND THEIR NATIONAL GUARD SUPPORTERS, WHOSE GROWING INFLUENCE IS PROBABLY RESENTED BY THE REGULAR MILITARY. BLOODSHED WOULD PROBABLY FOLLOW.

F. AT THIS MOMENT, HOWEVER, ALL REPORTS SAY THAT BAGHDAD IS AT LEAST SUPERFICIALLY QUIET.

6. SOMALIA:

A. THE MILITARY AID AGREEMENT RECENTLY SIGNED WITH THE USSR APPARENTLY IS A STANDARD SOVIET LONG-TERM PROGRAM TAILORED TO MOGADISCIO'S EMPTY PURSE.

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7. NOTES:

A. BRITISH GUIANA: JAGAN'S PEOPLE'S PROGRESSIVE PARTY WILL HOLD WIDESPREAD DEMONSTRATIONS ON 17 NOVEMBER TO PROTEST LONDON'S DECISION ON PROPORTIONAL REPRESENTATION. THERE WILL BE A DEMONSTRATION OUTSIDE THE US CONSULATE GENERAL, BUT THE GUIANIAN SECURITY CHIEF HAS ASSURED US THERE WILL BE NO VIOLENCE. THE PARTY IS ALSO PLANNING A BOYCOTT OF BRITISH AND US GOODS.

B. USSR: COSMOS 21, LAUNCHED LAST MONDAY

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NOT YET BEEN ABLE TO ESTABLISH WHAT ITS MISSION WAS.

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C. COMMUNIST CHINA: THE CHINESE TRADE FAIR WILL BE OPENED IN MEXICO CITY NEXT MONTH BY PEIPING'S NUMBER ONE CULTURAL PROPAGANDIST, KUO MO-JO. HE WILL BE THE HIGHEST

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RANKING CHINESE OFFICIAL EVER TO VISIT A LATIN AMERICAN NATION OTHER THAN CUBA. THE CHINESE WILL PROBABLY PRESS FOR PERMANENT TRADE AND PRESS REPRESENTATION.

D. FRANCE: THE OCTOBER POLL ON DE GAULLE'S POPULARITY-- PUBLISHED IN FRANCE-SOIR ON TUESDAY--SHOWS 46% SATISFIED, 40% NOT, AND 14% "DON'T KNOW." THE 40% DISSATISFIED MATCHES THE PREVIOUS HIGH DURING THE MINERS' STRIKE LAST MARCH AND IS 6% ABOVE LAST AUGUST'S FIGURE. ECONOMIC COMPLAINTS ACCOUNTED FOR 54% OF THOSE DISSATISFIED, WHILE 15% OF THOSE APPROVING SAID THERE JUST WAS NOT ANYONE BETTER AVAILABLE.

E. SYRIA:

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UNIDENTIFIED SYRIAN MILITARY ELEMENTS MAY SOON TRY A COUP.

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THERE IS A GOOD CHANCE THE BAATHIST TROUBLES IN IRAQ WILL SPILL OVER INTO SYRIA AND ENCOURAGE ANTI-REGIME ELEMENTS TO MOVE.

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F. INDONESIA: THE INDONESIANS ARE STILL WORRIED THAT THERE IS A UK-US PLOT AGAINST SUKARNO. OUR EMBASSY REPORTS THAT SUBANDRIO AND OTHERS HAVE BEEN QUESTIONING AMERICAN CORRESPONDENTS AND FOREIGN DIPLOMATS IN DJAKARTA ON THE SUBJECT. THE EMBASSY HAS NOTED A MARKED INCREASE IN SECURITY PRECAUTIONS AROUND SUKARNO, WHO NOW USES HIS OWN CAR AS A DECOY WHILE HE RIDES IN ANOTHER.

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H. DOMINICAN REPUBLIC:

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THE CASTROIST OPPOSITION IS STILL TALK-
ING ABOUT AN ARMED UPRISING

I. BARGHOORN: REUTERS AND UPI NOTE THAT RADIO MOSCOW
AND SOVIET NEWSPAPERS--NOT INCLUDING PRAVDA--HAVE REPORTED
FULLY ON THE PRESIDENTIAL PRESS CONFERENCE. THE NEWS SOURCES
REPORT THIS HAS RAISED CAUTIOUS HOPE FOR SETTLING THE CASE,
BUT TEMPER IT BY POINTING TO A TASS DISPATCH ATTACKING THE
STATE DEPARTMENT FOR BUILDING AN AIR "IRON CURTAIN" AROUND
THE SOVIET SCIENTIFIC AND CULTURAL DELEGATION VISITING THE
US.

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